(ग) इन अस्पतालों को मरीजों के लिए कब तक चालू कर दिया जाएगा ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती डी. के. तारा देवी सिद्धार्थ) : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Clearance of Medical reimbursement Claims

1189. SHRI DHULESHWER MEENA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate-General, Health Services (DGHS) takes very long time in passing the reimbursement medical claims submitted by CGHS beneficiaries;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ;

(c) what is the number of claims pending with the Directorate-General Health Services at present ; and

(d) what steps are being taken for their early clearance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reasons for taking very long time in passing the reimbursement claims by DGHS are as follows :—

(i) There is a marked increase in the number of claims received while the man-power to deal with them is inadequate.

(ii) The procedures for setting of claims especially from Private Hospitals is time consuming.

(iii) The beneficiaries submit incomplete documents, which increases the time for processing of the claims.

(c) To date, 2126 claims are pending with CGHS, Delhi and 86 are pending for outside Delhi.

(d) (i) A special cell has been set up from 1-9-1991 in which additional staff has been posted to settle these pending claims.

(ii) Proposal for extra staff has been submitted.

(iii) Procedures are being modified.

(iv) The proposal for decentralisation of claims settlement by respective departments being processed.

(v) A computer has been sanctioned for R & H Section, Delhi.

Demands of Technologists of post graduate institute of medical education and research, Chandigarh

1190. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that for more than a month 350 odd Medical Technologists working in the Post-Graduate Institute of medical Education and Research, Chandigarh have been on dharna, holding rallies, fasts and strikes to press their long-standing demands ;

(b) if so, what are the details of their demands ; and

(c) the steps taken to redress their grievances ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The PGI Medical Technologists' Association in their letter dated 27-11-1991 addressed to Director, PGI have submitted the following charter of demands :

1. Enhanced Punjab Pay scales on the basis of the Soni Committee (1971—73).
2. (a) 4th Pay Commission to Institute Research Staff.

   (b) Regularisation of research Scheme staff and grant of LTC facility to them.
3. 4th Pay Commission to Medical Technologists drawing Central Scales of Pay
4. Grant of P.G. allowance to PGI Medical Technologists
5. Promotional avenues.

6. Removal of anomaly in the Pay scale of Jr. Technicians.

7. Grant of proficiency-step up increments to employees drawing Punjab Pattern of pay scales.

8. Grant of Night Weightage Allowance and O.T.A. to Medical Technologists.

9. Regularisation of daily wage staff who have completed 240 days service.

10. Sick Room for Medical Technologists.

11. Non-victimisation in writing Annual Confidential Reports.

12. Enhancement of the retirement age of Medical Technologists to 60 years.

(c) The Govenment is keen to consider all the legitimate and genuine demands of the Medical Technologists working at PGIMER. It has been recently decided, after giving due opprtunity to the representatives of the Medical Technologists to present their case and view point, that subject to ratification by the competent bodies of the Institute, the pay scales of the PGI Medical Technologiste drawing central scales of pay would be revised *w.e.f.* 1-1-1986 as under :

Designation	Revised pay-scales already sanctioned w.e.f. 1-1-1986	Further Revision as proposed w.e.. 1-1-1986
		(Figures in rupees)
Jr. Technician	1320-2040	1400-2300
Sr. Technician	1400-2300	1640-2900
Technical Asstt./Optometrist	1640-2900	2000-3200

The Medical Technologists of PGI were already getting higher pay-scales as compared to AIIMS, New Delhi even before the proposed revised pay scales now accepted. With the proposed new pay scales, they will be getting still higher pay than their counterparts in AIIMS *w.e.f.* 1-1-86. Any further revision in their pay scales would widen the gap further in the pay scales of the Medical Technologists at PGI and AIIMS and this will have chain repurcussions in other Central Government Hospitals also.

As regards persons employed under the research schemes funded by PGI, it has also been decided to grant them appropriate replacement scales of pay as recommended by the 4th Pay Commission *e.f w.* 1-1-1986.

Strike by Ayurvedic students of Dhanwantry College, Chandigarh

1191. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the students of Dhanwantri Ayurvedic College, Chandigarh, are on indefinite strike since middle of October, 1991 and two girl students to be removed to hospital;

(b) if so, what are their demands ; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to settle their grievances.;